

## Smith to Back Area Planning Commission Bill

House Action to Be Sought Soon After Congress Reconvenes

By Don S. Warren

Representative Smith, Democrat, of Virginia, a key member of the House District Committee, announced today he would support the Senate-passed bill to reorganize the National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Action on the measure, which for months has been stalled in the House Committee, is to be sought soon after Congress reconvenes November 27.

Mr. Smith, who earlier this year held up action on the bill, said he would support its enactment because of favorable positions taken by Arlington County authorities.

The legislation, recommended by the Budget Bureau after a two-year study of regional planning problems in this area, has been given new impetus lately by the needs of joint planning for the defense of the Capital area.

Not "Satisfied."

Mr. Smith had withheld his approval on the thought that, in the reorganization of the planning body, Virginia should be given larger representation.

But he submitted the problem to the Arlington County Board and its planning commission and they recommended acceptance. Though not "satisfied," Mr. Smith said he would aid District Committee Chairman McMillan in seeking final action. "Even one Virginia representative on the planning commission," he said, "is better than none."

In proposing some enlargement of the powers of the National Capital planning body, the bill also would enlarge its membership to specially designated members from Maryland and Virginia.

3 From District.

Under the pending bill, the commission membership would include at least three District representatives.

There would be five ex-officio members: Chief of Army Engineers, the Engineer Commissioner of the District, the architect of the Capitol, the director of the National Parks Service and the Federal Works Administration, in addition to the chairman of the House and Senate District Committee.

In addition, the President would name five eminent citizens, at least one of them a bona fide citizen of the District.

Three additional citizens would be named, one each by the Governor of Virginia and Maryland, and one nominated by the District Commissioners.

The Smith declaration opened the way for active consideration of the measure when Congress meets again, but a fight still was in sight.

Mr. Smith said he would add to his approval of the planning commission bill a call to amend the Capper-Cramton to include Virginia in Federal loans for park and playground land acquisition. When this law was enacted Virginia did not have the necessary enabling act, but now has one, Mr. Smith said.

## Former Winery Owner Sues Arlington Bank

The Arlington Trust Co., Inc., is being sued for \$100,000 by the former owner of the Old Dominion Winery at Rosslyn, Arlington, Va., 1510 Key boulevard, charges in a suit filed in circuit court that the bank sold the winery in 1946 for approximately \$65,000 to pay off loans made by the bank to Mr. Alaj.

The plaintiff says that stock and equipment at the plant were worth at least \$30,000 and the business was worth at least \$75,000.

Mr. Alaj also says that no accounting of the sale of the property has been made to him. Before the time the property was attached by the bank in 1946, Mr. Alaj said, the property and business were under the management of an agent of the defendant by virtue of an agreement "entered into at the insistence of the defendants" in January of the same year.

## Voters in Prince Georges Register on Two Tuesdays

Prince Georges County's 47 voting places will be open from 9 a. m. to 9 p. m. today and next Tuesday for registration of persons eligible to vote in the November 7 election.

Revisions and transfers will be made October 17.

The county Board of Election Supervisors said registrations will not be accepted on these days at the Upper Marlboro courthouse because records have been sent to the polling places.

## Shooting of Boy, 15, At Bryans Road Probed

BRYANS ROAD, Md., Oct. 3.—State police are investigating the circumstances surrounding the shooting here last night of Henry V. Lewis, a 15-year-old colored boy.

The boy was taken to Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, shortly after the shooting at 10 p. m. with bullet wounds in the neck and face. The hospital said his condition is fair.

Police said shots were fired from a .38-caliber revolver by Adolph Woolford, who said the boy was prowling around his home.

## Dog Owners Facing Eviction From 5 Alexandria Projects



Mrs. Charles B. Wright of Chiquapin Village holds her pet Chihuahua, Twinkle. Mrs. Wright, who is partly crippled with arthritis, said the dog keeps her company when she is alone.

Dog owners in five Alexandria public housing projects face eviction November 1 unless they get rid of their pets.

The no-dog order was handed down by the Alexandria Redevelopment and Housing Authority which operates the five projects—Cameron Valley, Chiquapin Village, John Roberts Homes, George W. Parker Homes and Samuel Madden Homes.

Housing officials today reported that there are 14 tenants in the five projects who have not complied with the order and have been served notice to move.

380 Sign Petition.

The housing authority has stuck by its decision, despite a petition signed by more than 380 tenants and a plea by Representative Smith, Democrat, of Virginia. Mr. Smith's letter in behalf of the tenants facing eviction was considered by the housing authority last week, but it was decided not to change the decision made in July.

Edmund F. Ticer, chairman of the Housing Authority, said it would be unfair to tenants who had got rid of their dogs to change the order now. He said the Housing Authority had voted "the dog ban" after receiving many complaints from other tenants about the large number of dogs roaming through the project. He said that pets are prohibited in most privately owned apartment-type projects in the area.

Compromise Offered.

Dog-loving tenants, meanwhile, have sought to compromise with the housing officials. They wanted to sign agreements to keep their dogs from being nuisances.

Their pleas unheeded, the tenants now promise a legal battle to keep their homes and dogs, said Mrs. Jean Vandenberg of Cameron Valley, who owns a cocker spaniel and a dalmatian.

Among those who have given up their pets is a little boy who had to have his blind dog disposed of. He couldn't find any one who would take a blind dog.

## West Montgomery Citizens Preparing Civil Defense Setup

The West Montgomery County Citizens' Association last night took action to set up a civil defense committee.

The civic group, which met in the Potomac Elementary School, approved formation of a six-man committee to prepare the area's defense in case of emergency.

After Jacques Torfs, chairman of a special exploratory committee, gave his report, Mr. Torfs said there would be "10,000 to 20,000" refugees from Washington overrunning the west Montgomery area and in need of assistance.

The association elected James Buchanan as president, succeeded David L. Weed, who has become president of the county-wide Parent-Teacher Association.

Other Officers Chosen.

Other officers elected are: Norman Parks, first vice president; Godfrey Kauffmann, second vice president; Alvin Dunham, secretary; and William Robinson, treasurer.

Valourous Houghton, Allan Elliot, Arnold Burr, Arthur Sylvester and Mr. Weed were named directors.

Special guests were three county political figures: Mrs. Stella B. Werner, Democratic candidate for the County Council; Col. Norman Ames, Charter Committee chairman; and De Witt S. Hyde, Republican candidate for the State Senate.

In a spirited political talk Col. Ames voiced his support of Mrs. Werner for the council, but she replied she would have to regard the charter group as a Republican unit.

Objects to Brooke Lee Label.

Declaring she was not obligated to any one person or group, Mrs. Werner said, "It is time Democrats can organize without having an old Brooke Lee tag put on them."

Mrs. Werner told the meeting that Democratic council members would not tamper with the present county government or personnel, except in the interest of good government.

Mr. Hyde called for a Republican administration as proof the county is not under the Lee machine, and charged Democrats have never proved they were for home rule in Montgomery. He defended the record of the all-Republican Montgomery delegation at Annapolis.

Col. Ames hailed the "magnificent job" done by the present County Council.

Suitland PTA to Meet

The Suitland Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association will hold its first fall meeting at 8 p. m. tomorrow in the school with a reception for teachers and introduction of School Board trustees.

## 140 Cases Put Before County Grand Jury

Judge Calls List 'Formidable'; Points To Arson Charges

The Prince Georges County grand jury today had before it 140 criminal cases. Circuit Court convened yesterday for the fall term.

Judge Charles C. Marbury called the list a "formidable" one and remarked that the number of arson cases was unusually large.

A total of 14 such presentments, most of them connected with a series of barn fires last summer in the Forestville-Rosaryville area, are to be considered. Seven young volunteer firemen have been accused of starting the fires.

Three Murder Cases.

Included in the presentments are three murder cases, one of manslaughter, nine of aggravated assault, six of rape or assault on women, three of robbery, nine of burglary and house breaking, 17 of larceny, 23 of false pretense and 55 of less serious nature.

Heath Berry, of 7218 Central avenue, Capitol Heights, was named grand jury foreman. The group includes three women. Mr. Berry is an official in the District Housing Administration.

One prospective grand jury failed to answer when he name was drawn. He was Frederick Fischer, a 69-year-old watchman at the Beltsville experimental farm. Judge Marbury issued an attachment order, but Fischer showed up while detectives were en route to his home. He was ordered to pay \$250 costs and was excused from jury service. Fischer explained that he was hitch hiking to court and that he had to wait a long time before he found an accommodating motorist.

Judge Marbury's Charge.

In his charge, Judge Marbury said that while the criminal docket was heavier than usual, there was no indication of a county-wide crime wave.

"It is not a situation to cause alarm," the judge said, "but rather may be considered as the natural and normal result of a rapid increase in population."

Referring to the State's effort to enforce the Oer Anti-Communist Law, Judge Marbury said county authorities had been instructed to notify judges in advance of court terms when they have such cases.

"Neither that State's Attorney nor any other person," he submitted any evidence of subversive activities in Prince Georges County, he added.

Other members of the grand jury are Orrow P. Collins, Clarence H. Swick, James H. Ellis, William R. Wareheim, John Weems, Quinton C. Stephenson, Luther H. Mumford, Benjamin Briscoe, E. Ernest Bailey, Ernest E. Brock, Thurmon Scott, Lewis Letcher, Mrs. Lydia W. Brambaugh, Robert Wilson, Leo J. Loebl, William H. Shockey, Thomas G. Forrester, Albert L. Moreland, Albert B. Brown, George H. Keigley, Mrs. Eunice Turner and Mrs. Verna Sweeney.

## H. M. Bradley, Post Office Veteran, Retires at 70

Henry M. Bradley, 70, a veteran of over 45 years with the Post Office Department, retired Saturday without a ceremony.

Mr. Bradley lives at 4109 Leland street, Chevy Chase, Md., retired as examiner of equipment and supplies in the Division of Federal Building Operations. He had held this position since May 1, 1942.

A native of Chester, S. C., Mr. Bradley came to Washington at 13 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Bradley. In February, 1902, he joined the postal service as a clerk.

At his retirement he was presented a remembrance book signed by Postmaster General Donaldson and fellow employees.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Bradley live with them at the Leland street address. They are Patrick C. and John E. Bradley. The other son, Major William O. Bradley, is stationed at Fort Meade, Md.

## Planning Delegates Chosen

Col. Lathrop E. Smith, Travilah, and Frederick Gutheim, Mount Ephraim, have been named delegates by the Upper Montgomery County Planning Commission to the recently formed Washington Regional Planning Council.

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a fashion show of Israeli frocks at 8:30 p. m. Thursday in the Montgomery County Jewish Community Center on the East-West highway.

The costumes to be modeled were designed and tailored by students of the Institute of Fashion and Design in Jerusalem, opened last year under sponsorship of Hadassah. In addition to modern creations, three traditional native costumes worn on the Sabbath by Jews will be shown.

## Choir Alumni to Meet

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School A Capella Choir Alumni Association will hold its first meeting of the season at 8 p. m. Thursday at the home of President Paul R. Gowen, 4402 Dahill road, Viers Mill Village.

## Unpredictable Parking Meters Trouble Hyattsville Council

It's anybody's guess how much time a nickel will buy in a Hyattsville parking meter.

So said Police Chief Howard H. Holmes at a meeting of the City Council last night.

"Sometimes when you put a penny in you get an hour's parking, or if you put a nickel in you get only 12 minutes," said Chief Holmes. He thinks the city is coming out on the short end. The parking rate is supposed to be 1 cent for each 12 minutes.

The Council decided it had better look into the matter. City Clerk E. W. Baker was asked to

## Historic Bladensburg Post Office to Move

By Charles A. McAleer

Bladensburg's historic post office—one of the 15 original ones in the country—soon will vacate the building it has occupied for nearly a half-century.

Within the next 10 days, the post office will be located at 4912 Annapolis road, in a new shopping center just north of the Edmonston road intersection.

Since 1904, the nearby Maryland postal agency has been sharing the corner of a small grocery at 4303 Baltimore avenue.

But times have changed in Bladensburg and there now are more people to serve. The present post office has outgrown its quarters.

When it moves, so will C. Howard Brown, Bladensburg postmaster. Mr. Brown, who is 48, plans to give up the grocery business to devote his full efforts to the postal assignment.

He is the 30th postmaster at Bladensburg, having succeeded his father, Hyman Brown, in April, 1937. The elder Mr. Brown had served in the same capacity from November, 1904, the date the post office moved in with the grocery.

Original Post Office in 1775.

Before that—in fact, back to the days when Bladensburg was a port—the post office had been located in private homes or with other commercial enterprises. According to postal records, the Bladensburg post office was established in the Revolutionary War days of 1775, some 25 years before the one in Washington.

In those days, English sailing ships would come up the then-navigable Anacostia River to Bladensburg, chartered in 1742 as Garrison's Landing, the community subsequently was named for Sir Thomas Bladen, governor of the province at the time.

The register of Ben Franklin, one of the founders of the Federal postal system, indicates that Christopher Lowndes, the most prominent and wealthiest town merchant of the day, Mr. Lowndes, history reveals, built Bostwick, a house still in existence, in 1746. Bostwick, now designated as 3901 Forty-eighth street, is the home of one of Bladensburg's most prominent citizens, Mrs. Felix E. Cristofane.

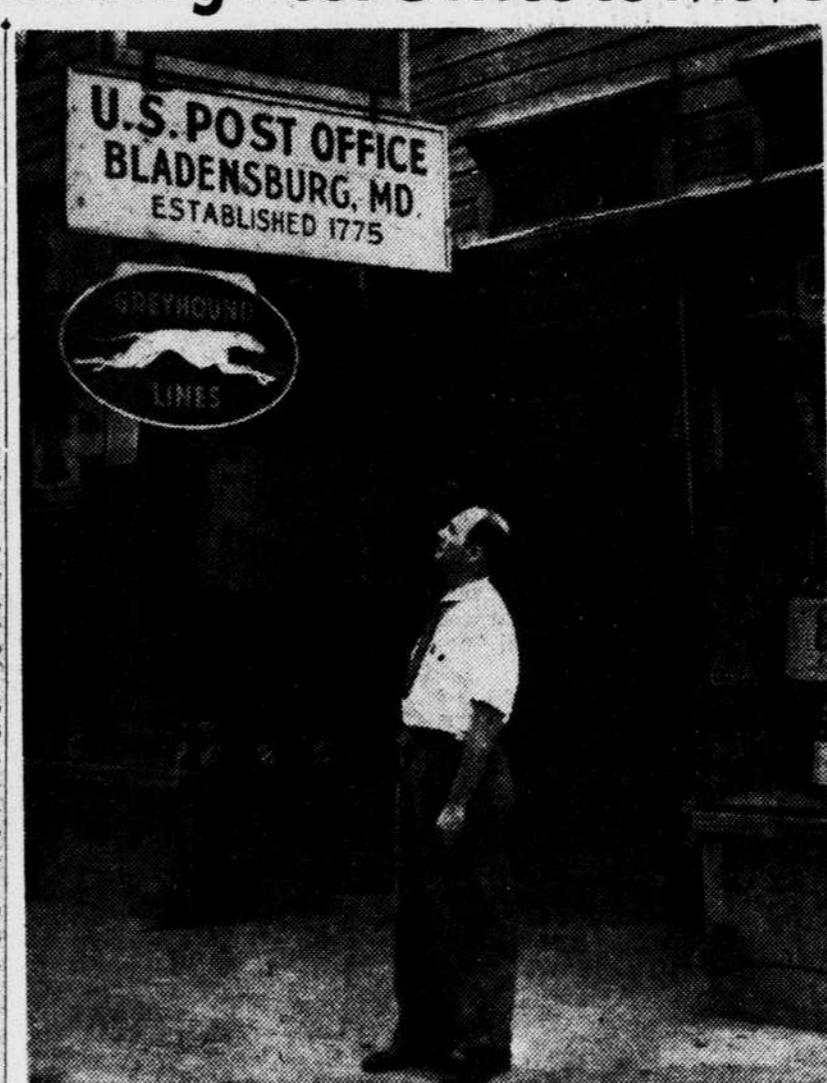
The post office once was located on the Lowndes property.

Current Activity Limited.

Bladensburg now has a second-class post office, which means it does between \$8,000 and \$40,000 worth of business annually. Its activities currently are limited to general delivery, box service and over-the-counter sales of stamps, money orders and the like.

Postmaster Brown and other citizens of the community hope Bladensburg some day will have its own home delivery service. That's a function now handled by the considerably larger Hyattsville Post Office.

"In 1947," Mr. Brown declared, "they said we would have delivery service when larger quarters



C. Howard Brown, Bladensburg postmaster, examines sign on historic post office building.

are secured. Now that we're getting them, we should have it."

Mr. Brown has the active support of Mayor Andrew P. Gasch and the Bladensburg Town Council. Recently, the council voted to circulate petitions for signatures of town residents who want home delivery service.

Bladensburg is one of eight Prince Georges County communities which maintain their own post offices. Hyattsville, the largest, has numerous branches located in various suburban communities and has been waging an all-out fight to obtain a central post office for the county.

Bladensburg residents, however, like their independence and want delivery service to boot.

## Frederick Fair Opens With 7,000 Entries And \$11,000 in Prizes

By the Associated Press

FREDERICK, Md., Oct. 3.—More than 7,000 entries, including new records in at least two departments, have been received for the 88th annual Frederick Fair which opened today.

The 400 entries in the cattle department and the 1,800 in the poultry exhibition represent new records for the fair.

Prize money totaling \$11,000 will be awarded. The fair will continue through Saturday with tomorrow Governor's Day.

## Calvert County to Open Three-Day Fair Tomorrow

SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE STAR

PRINCE FREDERICK, Md., Oct. 3.—The Calvert County fair grounds are being put in shape for a three-day agricultural fair which will open tomorrow with \$3,000 in prize money and new facilities for livestock.

In accordance with tradition, entries will be received only from Calvert County owners. The county has, however, some of the best livestock in Southern Maryland as well as outstanding farm and home products.

Exhibits will be brought to the fair grounds near here tomorrow. All entries except livestock will be judged Thursday. Livestock will be judged Friday.

Among the feature exhibits will be booths arranged by the county's homemakers, 4-H, FFA and Future Homemakers of America clubs. The Homemakers will set up a snack bar on the grounds.

## Chevy Chase Hadassah To Give Fashion Show

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase chapter of Hadassah will sponsor a fashion show of Israeli frocks at 8:30 p. m. Thursday in the Montgomery County Jewish Community Center on the East-West highway.

The costumes to be modeled were designed and tailored by students of the Institute of Fashion and Design in Jerusalem, opened last year under sponsorship of Hadassah. In addition to modern creations, three traditional native costumes worn on the Sabbath by Jews will be shown.

## First Woman Graduate Of Maryland U. Dies

CENTREVILLE, Md., Oct. 3.—Mrs. Elizabeth Hook Day, the first girl to be graduated from the University of Maryland, died Sunday night after an illness of several months.

She was the wife of Frank Day, Kent County superintendent of schools. Mrs. Day was born in Baltimore 54 years ago and graduated from the University of Maryland in 1920. She majored in biology.

## Hyattsville Attorney Named 'Crusade' Chief

Ernest W. Cory, Hyattsville attorney and resident of Laurel, has been named regional chairman of the Crusade for Freedom, the Maryland headquarters announced.

The Crusade for Freedom, headed nationally by Gen. Lucius D. Clay, is a campaign to fight Communism by enrolling people to sign freedom scrolls and to contribute to the expansion of methods of getting the truth about democracy to the people behind the Iron Curtain.

## One-Way Traffic Faces Fight in Harrisonburg

HARRISONBURG, Va., Oct. 3.—The Retail Merchants Association has employed an attorney to study the possibility of court action on the one-way traffic system which has been installed here.

Beginning yesterday, traffic is moving north only on Main Street and south only on Liberty Street for the length of the city in an effort to solve the municipality's traffic congestion problem.

## Arlington Board Member Held as Drunken Driver

F. Freeland Chew, a member of the Arlington County Board, has been charged with drunken driving in Fairfax County.

Mr. Chew, Fairfax County police records disclose, was arrested about 6 p. m. Saturday on Routes 211 and 29 between the town of Fairfax and Fairfax Circle by Virginia State Trooper J. S. Atkins.

Mr. Chew, who lives at 1502 North Edison street, was placed in jail after being booked and remained there until he was released under \$500 bond about 11 p. m.

A hearing is set for 10 a. m. next Tuesday in Fairfax Trial Justice Court.

Mr. Chew today denied the charge, and said he had witnesses who would testify that he was not driving while drunk.

"I will let the trial speak for itself," he added.

## Child Hurt by Sand Box In Fair Condition Today

A 2-year-old Arlington girl who suffered a skull fracture yesterday when a sand box fell on her, was in fair condition today at Arlington Hospital.

The child, Mary Oman, daughter of Maj. and Mrs. Paul W. Oman, was hurt in the back yard of her home at 5215 South Eleventh street.

Maj. Oman said he built the 4-foot-square sand box for Mary and her 9-month-old sister, Patsy. The box was standing against the house because the Omans are rounding up their possessions to move to 3d Army headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga., where Maj. Oman has been transferred.

## Maryland Teams Win

Maryland teams took first place in both dairy and livestock contests.

An all-Montgomery County team took first honors in the livestock judging contest. Members are Millard Lethbridge, Ashton; Donald Hobbs, Sandy Spring; Harold Mulline, Damascus; who was high scorer, and Herbert King, Damascus.

Members of the winning Maryland dairy judging team included Bruce Berlage, Olney; Ellen Chambers, daughter of Whitaker Chambers, Westminster; Dean Eash, Cecil County, high scorer, and Richard Simons, Harford County.

In the poultry judging events, a Loudoun County, Va., team composed of Charles Poland, Robert Ellis and Phil Marshall, took first place.

## Maryland 4-H Team Wins in Iowa Show

WATERLOO, Iowa, Oct. 3 (P).—The Maryland 4-H dairy cattle judging team won first place in the dairy exposition here yesterday for the fourth time in the last five years. The group competed against teams from 20 other States.

In addition to winning the most votes in the entire exposition, the Maryland team was high in judging Jersey and Ayrshire cows and second in judging Brown Swiss cows.

Members are Barbara Riggs, 18, Gaithersburg; Janice Palmer, 18, Olney; Glenn McGrady, 16, Rising Sun, and Robert Barton, 20, Queen Annes County.

## Lack of Transit Hampers Negro Junior College

19 Carver Students Of 40 Expected Are Present on First Day

Carver Junior College in Rockville, first public junior college for Negroes in Maryland, is being seriously crippled by lack of transportation.

Only 19 of an estimated 40 students who expressed intention of enrolling in the new college were on hand for the start of classes yesterday. The main reason for their absence is lack of transportation, according to Dean Parlett L. Moore, who has scoured the county for means of getting students to the school.

Also to blame, he said, was a rule requiring full payment of the college's \$85-per-term tuition.

"Many just didn't have it," he said yesterday, "and we are now making arrangements for them to pay in installments."

Students Scattered.

"But it is the transportation difficulty that discourages most of those who want to come to college," Dean Moore said. He explained that the county has not provided public transportation and that many of Montgomery's Negro communities are scattered through the upper part of the county, far from public transportation routes.

Montgomery Junior College for white students, in Takoma Park, draws most of its students from the suburban areas.

"In a few cases we have organized car pools, and a few students have made arrangements to spend the night near the school," Mr. Moore said. "And we are trying for more transportation arrangements." He said four more students may enroll tonight at the college, now situated in Lincoln High School pending completion of the new Carver Junior College.

Dean Moore explained that school buses now take high school children home and then remain at the homes of the drivers. He indicated it might be possible for the buses to bring college students back to Rockville, returning after the evening sessions at 10 p. m.

College Has Faculty of Five.

Dr. Edwin W. Broome, superintendent of schools, said today the transportation problem had not come to his attention. He said it was "not a usual pattern" for school systems to provide transportation for college students.

"We have not considered the problem," he said.

The new Negro college has been set up to offer both vocational and academic courses and has a faculty of five, including Dr. Irene Hypps, head of business education in the District colored schools. Most of the students, including one mother of three, have chosen such courses and secretarial work and other vocational subjects.

Montgomery Junior College opened its fifth year yesterday on its new campus, formerly the Bliss Electrical School, with an enrollment of more than 500.

## Tremont Citizens Reaffirm County Manager Stand

The Tremont Citizens' Association last night reaffirmed its support of the Fairfax County Federation of Citizens' Associations in advising adoption of a county manager form of government.

More than 30 members who attended the meeting at 125 Fairmont street voted unanimously to reiterate the group's stand. Officers explained the question was brought up because "the newly formed Fairfax League of Civic Associations had challenged the right of the Federation to act for its member groups."

The Federation is fighting for adoption of a county manager government and the league seeks adoption of